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SUBJ: SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM: SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS
FREE ZONE (SPNWFZ)

1. SPNWFZ WAS MAJOR ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION AT INFORMAL
SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM MEETING HELD IN ROTORUA MARCH 8 AND
9. MEETING, WHICH WAS AD HOC AFFAIR ARRANGED TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRESENCE IN ROTORUA OF NUMBER OF FORUM
LEADERS ATTENDING SOUTH PACIFIC FESTIVAL OF ARTS, ADOPTED
RESOLUTION ON SPNWFZ.

2. TEXT OF RESOLUTION IS NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT MAJOR FOCUS
IS TO CONTINUE TO OPPOSE NUCLEAR TESTING OF ANY SORT IN
SOUTH PACIFIC. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, RESOLUTION
AFFIRMS THAT FORUM MEMBERS, IN PURSUING SPNWFZ, WILL
RESPECT PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION ON HIGH
SEAS AND INSURE THERE WOULD BE NO INCOMPATIBILITY
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WITH EXISTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

3. PRESSURE FOR DISCUSSION OF SPNWFZ CAME FROM GOVERNMENTS OF FIJI AND PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, WHICH CO-SPONSORED PROPOSAL AT LAST YEAR'S UNGA AND WERE SOMEWHAT DISTURBED WITH GNZ CHANGE IN ATTITUDE SINCE ADVENT OF MULDOON GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY FORUM MARCH 9, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AUTHORED BY FIJIAN PM RATU SIR KAMASESE MARA WHOSE MAIN INTEREST WAS IN REGISTERING CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO TESTING WHILE MAINTAINING A UNIFIED POSITION ON THE SPNWFZ ISSUE.

4. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS FOLLOWING FORUM MEETING, PM MULDOON DESCRIBED FORUM ACTION AS CLARIFICATION RATHER THAN COMPROMISE. ASKED IF THE CHANGES WERE A RESULT OF USG PRESSURE, MULDOON SAID, "IT IS NOT UNITED STATES PRESSURE; IT IS REALISM. DO WE OR DO WE NOT WANT THE ANZUS ALLIANCE TO CONTINUE?"

5. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD COPIES OF RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.
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